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ABSTRACT

Originally written for Navajo elementary school students, this book chronicles the history of the Navajo people from prehistory to 1868. The book presents a sympathetic history of a people who depended on their tenacity and creative adaptability to survive troubled times. Chapters examine how Navajo culture changed from that of an early hunting and gathering band to that of a powerful pastoral nation; encounters with the Pueblos that revolutionized Navajo culture; the adversity of Spanish colonization; the expansion of Navajo land; the cycle of peace and war with the Spanish, Mexican, and American forces; the Navajo leaders' long quest to keep their people secure; the disaster of imprisonment at Fort Sumner; the Treaty of 1868; and the Navajos' return to their homeland. Extensive archival illustrations and photographs contribute to a story in which Navajos changed the future of the U.S. Southwest. An afterword briefly chronicles the Navajo's recovery of their culture and traditions since the Treaty of 1868. Appendices include a Navajo pronunciation guide, memories of Fort Sumner as told to Nedra Todacheenie by her maternal grandmother, Barboncito's speech to General Sherman at Fort Sumner, and an index. Contains 40 references. (TD)

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